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Serial No.: 10/083,476 )  
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Filed: February 27, 2002 )  
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Inventors: Roger N. Piasio )  
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Title: MODIFICATION OF )  
 BIOASSAYS FOR DETECTION )  
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